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Discussed and ranked the items generated at the last meeting, as grouped by Sue in her notes.

Came to the conclusion that "Excellence" didn't really work as a category for the Master Plan vision although we embraced the idea of a standard of excellence. As we went through the items listed under "Excellence" we found that except for the community center/cultural center/activities items, everything else was either not really a Master Plan item or was already listed in one of the other two categories. Thus you will observe that it is not called out as a separate area in the chart.

Results:

Rural

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9	encourage trail system for foot - bike - non-motorized
8	encourage village style clustering
8	adoption/creation of additional scenic roads
8	preserve open spaces/vistas i.e. meadows, forests, water, ridges, etc.
7	encourage green buildings/LEED
6	purchase open space land
6	work with planners on 101 corridor
6	creation of traffic diversions
6	foster agriculture - tax incentives, community gardens, farmers markets
5	distributed economic zones
5	protect open spaces like protect 101 - designated scenic route
5	encourage narrow roads, reduce pavement widths
4	design standards on 101 A could be more rural
4	provide contiguous open space and subsidize it
Environment	
9	commit town to sound environmental practices: energy standards, vehicle etc
8	acquisition of NBAFS land for conservation
8	Continue to protect to water (ground and surface) thru zoning and education
8	mandatory recycling
7	sensible road design for non-vehicular use of rights of way
7	walking centers so you don't have to use cars
6	mixed use developments
6	sustainability LEED LEED
6	multi modal trail system
5	zoning and intent to provide environments for humans and wildlife
5	assess traffic and pedestrian efficiency vs. just capacity
5	testing requirements for groundwater near highly developed areas
5	reduce salt usage in winter
5	work with NH DES and Amherst DPW to develop sewer capacity
4	massive impact fees for dev virgin lands
Other	

preserve historic village (from Visioning!)
create more spaces for community gathering
encourage/fund/provide space for cultural activities
enforce rigorous design standards

Combined

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	purchase open space land/provide contiguous open space and subsidize
18	it/acquisition of NBAFS land for conservation
15	encourage trail system for foot - bike - non-motorized/multi-modal trail system
13	encourage green buildings/LEED/sustainability LEED LEED LEED
11	work with planners on 101 corridor - designate 101 as scenic route
9	commit town to sound environmental practices: energy standards, vehicle etc
8	encourage village style clustering
8	adoption/creation of additional scenic roads
8	preserve open spaces/vistas i.e. meadows, forests, water, ridges, etc.r
8	Continue to protect to water (ground and surface) thru zoning and education
8	mandatory recycling
7	sensible road design for non-vehicular use of rights of way
	walking centers so you don't have to use cars (does this go with village
7	clustering?)
6	creation of traffic diversions
6	foster agriculture - tax incentives, community gardens, farmers markets
6	mixed use developments
	distributed economic zones (home occupations and professional office zoning
5	could have been added to this)
	encourage narrow roads/reduce pavement widths (does this go with
5	"adopt/create scenic roads"? And might "avoid centerlines?" be added to it?)
5	zoning and intent to provide environments for humans and wildlife
5	assess roads for traffic and pedestrian efficiency vs. just capacity
5	testing requirements for groundwater near highly developed areas
5	reduce salt usage in winter
5	work with NH DES and Amherst DPW to develop sewer capacity
4	design standards (on 101 A or everywhere?)
4	massive impact fees for developing virgin lands
	preserve historic village (from Visioning!)
	create more spaces for community gathering
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Expectation (hope?) is that this list will 1) become the "lens" through which we read the element chapters, against which we measure the goals, etc. 2) be integrated into the "vision statement" or summary Daphne has developed (see the summary sheets).

Arnie observed that we do not have complete consensus on these items.

Next meeting (April 3O) we hope to review whatever Daphne comes up with and plan the process for going through the elements.